

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 3, insert the following as separate paragraphs:

--BACKGROUND

1. Field--.

Page 1, before line 6, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--2. Description of Related Art--.

Page 1, before line 17, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--SUMMARY OF EXEMPLARY NON-LIMITING EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 2, before line 28, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 28, as follows:

An information model and aspects of a management system built according to the information model are described below, as embodiments of the present invention, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 shows an overall layout for the model;

Figure 2 shows a base class for the model;

Figure 3 shows parameter defined classes and interactions in the model;

Figure 4 shows an interaction stereotype for use ~~in the~~ in the model;

Figure 5 shows role assignment for a party in the model;

Figure 6 shows further details of role assignment according to Figure 5;

Figure 7 shows a role assignment pattern for use in the model;

Figure 8 shows how parties are defined in the context of an organisation using a role assignment stereotype;

Figure 9 shows an object structure for defining parties, organisations and role assignment in that construction;

Figure 10 shows a class diagram for the party concept in relation to organisations and individuals;

Figure 11 a class diagram similar to Figure 10 but introducing party identification;

Figure 12 shows an organisation chart that could be processed according to the model to show the benefit of role assignment;

Figure 13 shows a policy pattern for use in the information model;

Figure 14 shows core agreement classes;

Figure 15 shows possible sub-classes of the agreement class;

Figure 16 shows association of parties to agreements;

Figure 17 shows the construction and selection of marketplace products, in particular in relation to product component fulfilment and enterprise capability;

Figure 18 shows classes comprising the enterprise capability concept;

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Figure 19 shows the construction of the relationship between the user, product component fulfilment and the agreement; and

Figure 20 shows schematically an implementation of an embodiment of the data management system.

Page 3, before line 24, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY NON-LIMITING
EMBODIMENTS--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 50, line 1, as follows:

~~CLAIMS~~ What is Claimed is:.